



**PEEC**  
Pocono Environmental  
Education Center

# 2024 Annual Report

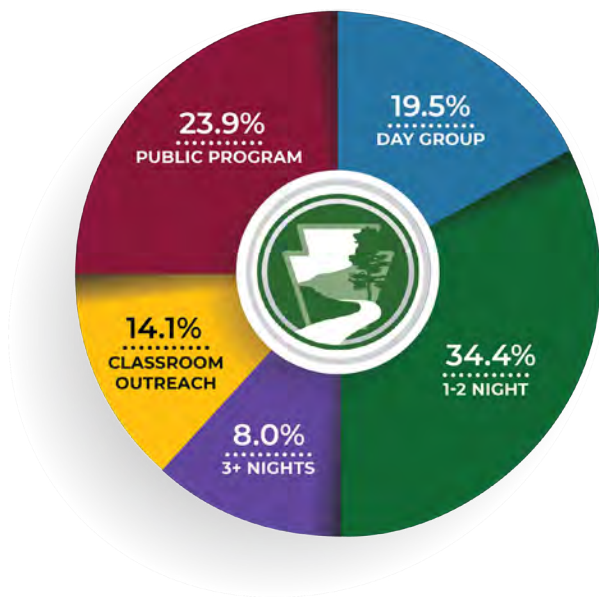


**Take a PEEC Inside . . .**

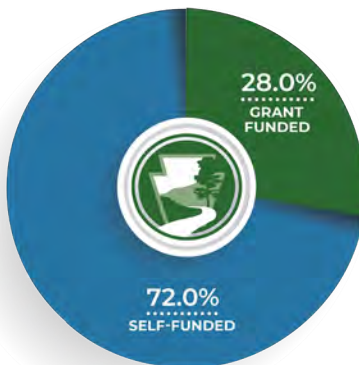
# PEEC Group Visits

Over the course of 2024, PEEC saw a variety of visitors, reaching over 29,600 students, scouts, program participants, and hikers!

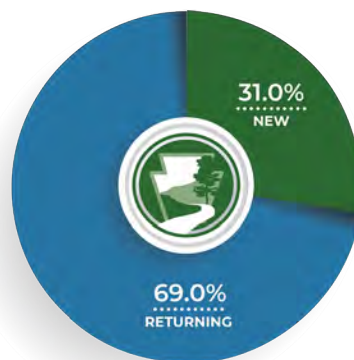
Participants 2024



Grant-Funded vs Self-Funded Groups



New vs Returning Group



## Major Grants

Sci-Q hosted 13 campers for a 7-night residential camp and was funded by **ThorLabs** and the **Brandwein Institute**.



Thanks to the **National Park Foundation Open Outdoors for Kids** program, 635 students participated in classroom outreach and day trips to PEEC.



**PSEG Foundation and The Victoria Foundation** provided funding for 34 youth from Newark to stay an entire week at PEEC.

Contributions from **The Dime Bank, Weis Markets, The Honesdale National Bank, Waste Management, and Wayne Bank** through the **Educational Improvement Tax Credit** program allowed 1,042 students from Pennsylvania schools to visit PEEC for day trips.

**William Penn Foundation** funded several PEEC programs. WOW: 85 participants went on a 2-night/3-day river trip. WATER: 364 students from Philadelphia and Camden participated in 2-night watershed education programs at PEEC.

A **PA American Waters** grant provided classroom outreach and field trips to 878 students.

An **Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River** grant facilitated the 2024 PEEC website redesign.



# Public Programs



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2024  
Snapshot



Public  
Programs

River Trip  
Participants

Festival  
Attendance

Program  
Attendance

Family  
Campers

Free  
Programs



## Summer Camp

**PEEC filled 9 weeks of Day Camp with 623 campers!  
That's an average of 70 campers per week.**

Thanks to generous contributions from the Nancy and Derry Bird Fund, and our long-standing Heather Rosborough Memorial Fund, PEEC offered over 15 campers financial aid to support their participation in Summer Camp.



# Operations

Thanks to funding from **AllOne Charities**, Cabin 9 was retrofitted with a locking desk, cabinet, fridge and medicine cabinet for use by school nurses as well as nurses conducting PEEC specific programming. Additional health and safety enhancements were also made throughout campus.

## Trail Updates

The Two Ponds boardwalk near the bird blind saw significant repairs to the deteriorating surfacing and railings. Tumbling Waters has some new stairs, water bars, and railings on the switchback trail down to the falls. The hill-side walls of the switchbacks were also built up to catch rocks and debris periodically coming down off the hillside.

## New Lobby Displays

Staff created several new educational displays in the Main Building lobby area. Content includes entomology, astronomy, tree anatomy, and ornithology.





# A Note from PEEC's Board Chair



We are thrilled that our efforts to educate and inform the public about issues that surround the Delaware River Basin have been recognized by the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin through the 2024 Dr. Ruth Patrick Excellence in Education Award. Our staff is so dedicated, and we love that their collective efforts have been acknowledged in this way. I also love that the award is named for a female scientist who connected diatom species to water health at the 1946 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and whose studies led to the concept called the Patrick Principle – where the species present in an ecosystem indicate the relative health of that ecosystem.

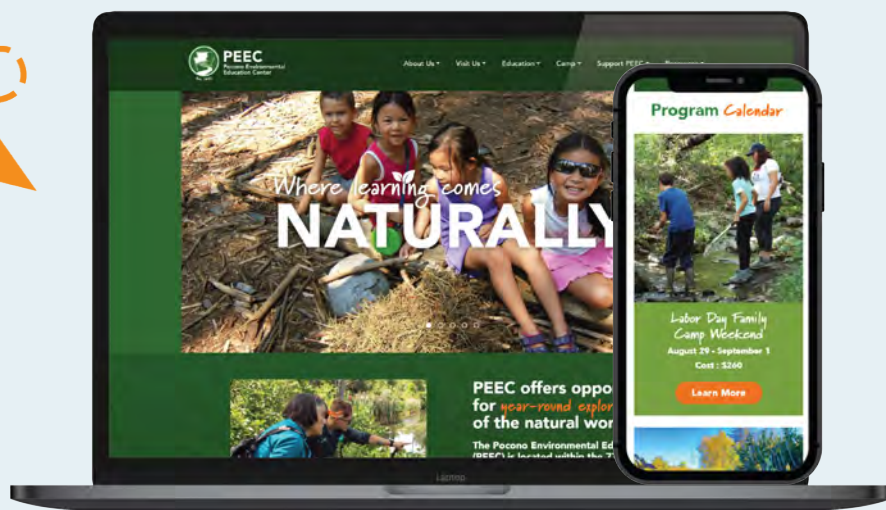
- K. Joy Karnas, Chair of the Board of Trustees

## Financials



Scan Here to “PEEC”  
at our 990 Forms and  
Financial Information.

Thanks to the redesigned & newly launched [peec.org](https://peec.org) mobile-friendly website and program calendar, more and more people are able to learn about all PEEC has to offer!










## YEAR 'ROUND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- School Groups 
- Public Programs
- Retreats & Workshops

**30,000**  
**VISITORS**   
**EACH YEAR** 

**50+ YEARS**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL &  
SUSTAINABILITY  
EDUCATION**

**20**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
Educators on  
Staff**   



**30 CLASSES  
Including**

- Water Quality 
- Wildlife Ecology
- Geology 

**1 OF A  
KIND**  
**EcoZone  
DISCOVERY ROOM**

**310 BEDS**     
**FOR  
Overnight  
Trips**    

**6 FREE & AMAZING  
HIKING  
TRAILS**  
**BILINGUAL TRAIL  
GUIDES AVAILABLE**

*PEEC is close to home,  
where learning comes naturally!*

PEEC is located off of Route 209 inside the Delaware Water  
Gap National Recreation Area in Dingmans Ferry, PA.

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